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In re Application of: )  
Ken MIYAGAWA et al. ) Confirmation No.: 8326  
Application No.: 09/607,336 ) Group Art Unit: 2664  
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For: BLOCK FORMING METHOD AND ) **Mail Stop RCE**  
APPARATUS OF DIGITAL BIT STREAM )

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2004 (Paper No. 10), the period for response to which extends through January 26, 2005 by the concurrently filed petition for a three-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, and concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-application as follows:

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